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Whereas theſe religious and godly perſons, being inuolued amongſt many others their Countrey-men in that common calamitie, might haue enioyed their eſtates and fortunes, if with other backſliders, in the times of triall, they would haue ſubmitted themſelues to the Antichriſtian yoke, & haue renounced or diſſembled the profeſſion of the true Religion: WEE taking theſe things into Our Princely conſideration, and being moued with the bowels of compaſſion towards them, as feeling members of the ſame body, whereof Chriſt alone is the head, and being certainely informed, that thoſe of the Vnited Prouinces, and diuers other Proteſtants in other places, haue bountifully contributed towards their neceſſities, and being well aſſured, that all Our louing Subiects of this Our Kingdome, who haue long enioyed the freedome of the Goſpel, and haue taſted largely of the comfort thereof, will not bee inferiour to any, in a worke ſo full of piety and charity towards their diſtreſſed brethren, did heretofore by Our Letters Patents of the nine and twentieth of Ianuarie, in the third yeere of Our Reigne, commend the diſtreſſed eſtates of theſe poore ſoules vnto the charities of all the people of this Our Realme. 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